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# GOVERNMENT OF ASSAM ORDERS BY THE GOVERNOR REVENUE & DISASTER MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT

#### **NOTIFICATION**

The 26th March, 2025

**ECF. No. 521155/I/1011255/2025.**- Whereas certain draft rules further to amend the Settlement Rules in Chapter I, section VI under the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886, hereinafter referred to as the principal Rules, were published in the Assam Gazette Extra Ordinary No.731 dated 12th December,2024 vide Notification No. ECF 521155/I/84156/2024 dated 5th December, 2024, as required under section 157 of the said Act. inviting objections or suggestions from all persons likely to be affected thereby before the expiry of a period of thirty (30) days from the date of publication of the said Notification in the Official Gazette.

And whereas no objections or suggestions were received within the said period from the public in respect of the said draft rules.

Now, therefore, in exercise of the powers conferred by sections 29, 34A and subsection (1) of section 68 of the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886, the Governor of Assam is hereby pleased to make the following rules further to amend the Settlement Rules under the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation, 1886, in the manner hereinafter appearing, namely:

Short title, extent and commencement

- 1. (1) These rules may be called the Assam Land and Revenue Regulation (Amendment) Rules, 2025.
  - (2) It shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

Substitution of Section VI

2. In the principal Rules, in Chapter-I (Settlement Rules), for section VI, the following shall be substituted, namely:-

#### "Section VI

Term, method of assessment and settlement of Land Revenue and Revision of Rates with or without conducting resettlement operations under sections 29, 34A and 68(1) of the Regulation.

Assessment of land revenue and their revision

82G. For the purpose of assessment of land revenue and revision of rates of land revenue, for any local area or a class of estates, both for towns and areas other than towns, the State Government on its own motion or on the report of District Commissioner, order assessment of land revenue and revision of rates by a notification in the Official Gazette specifying the particular local area or class of estates which are to be placed under assessment or revision of rates under this rule.

## Power of Officers

- **82H.** For the purpose of carrying out the operation of assessment of land revenue and revision of rates of land revenue under rule 82 G-
  - (1) the District Commissioner of the District shall exercise all or any of the powers of a Settlement Officer under section 138 of the Regulation.
  - (2) the Circle Officers in the District shall be appointed as Assistant Settlement Officer and Assistant Survey Officers under Section 133 and 134 of the Regulation, respectively.
  - (3) the District Commissioner shall engage the existing land records staff in the Circle (s) for the purpose.

Measures to cover all classes of land

**821.** For the purpose of effective assessment of land revenue and revision of rates of land revenue, the District Commissioner, the Assistant Settlement Officer and the Assistant Survey Officer shall take all necessary measures to cover all classes of land within their jurisdiction including new classes of land to be notified by the Government from time to time.

Method of assessment of land revenue and revision of rates of land revenue

- 82J. (1) The land revenue to be assessed or rates of land revenue to be revised may be linked with zonal value of land with multiplication factors as notified by the State Government from time to time.
  - (2) The zonal value of land means the market value, if any, specified under the provisions of Indian Stamp Act, 1899 (2 of 1899) for the registration of sale deeds or agreements to sell, as the case may be, in the area, where the land is situated or as decided by the State Government from time to time.

Term for revision of land revenue rates and settlements

- **82K.** (1) Revision of multiplication factors for any local area or a class of estates, both for towns and areas other than towns as mentioned under sub-rule (2) of rule 82 J shall be as fixed by the State Government from time to time.
  - (2) For land settled, both for towns and areas other than towns with a right of renewal, the term of settlement shall not be less than 20 (twenty) years.

Penalty for arrear accrued

When an arrear has accrued, a penalty equal to 1/4<sup>th</sup> (one-fourth) of the arrear land revenue payable against the land for the year shall be levied with intimation to the settlement holder.

Standard unit of area for assessment of land revenue and revision of rates

- **82M.** (1) The minimum standard unit of area for assessment of land revenue and revision of rates of land revenue for agriculture land and residential land in areas other than town land shall be 1 (one) Bigha for an estate or as fixed by the State Government from time to time.
  - (2) The minimum standard unit of area for assessment of land revenue and revision of rates of revenue for land other than that specified in sub-rule (1) above in areas other than town land shall be ½ (half) Bigha for an estate or as fixed by the State Government from time to time.
  - (3) The minimum standard unit of area for assessment of land revenue and revision of rates of land revenue for all classes of land in towns shall be 1/10<sup>th</sup> (one-tenth) of a Bigha for an estate or as fixed by the State Government from time to time.

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